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- 1. DURING WORK ON REVISION OF NEW REPLIST 17, EMBASSY HAS NOTED LIST IS NOT CONFINED TO APPLICANTS FOR IMMIGRATION BUT ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL APPLICANTS FOR TEMPORARY VISITS TO US. ONE SUCH CASE IS TAMOSAITYTE (LITHUANIA).
- 2. DEPT HAS ALSO INDICATED IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH US INTERESTED PARTIES THAT EMBASSY REGULARLY SUPPORTS TEMPORARY VISITOR APPLICANTS WITH EXIT VISA REPRESENTATIONS TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MOAKLEY RE TAMOSAITYTE CASE. LETTER ENCLOSES COPY OF JUNE 17 LETTER FROM DEPT TO MOAKLEY (SIGNED BY ASST SEC MCCLOSKEY) CONTAINING PARAGRAPH WHICH EMBASSY HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN TEXT OF SIMILAR DEPT LETTERS. PARAGRAPH READS IN PART: "OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ALSO APPROACHES THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY ON BEHALF OF US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS WHOSE RELATIVES HAVE BEEN DENIED VISITOR'SN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASXDLHQQSB PMLXBNNBZXUIVCMLEISO AYZOGQPL M OHIET AUTHORITIES AS HUMANITARIAN PLEAS FOR RE-UNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES (AS DEPT AWARE, MANY FAMILIES ON USG REPLISTS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED SINCE WW II). EMBASSY BELIEVES DILUTION OF THIS EFFORT TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY VISITORS WOULD NOT ENHANCE EMBASSY EFFORTS TO PRESENT CASES TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES AS IN ACCORD WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION PRINCIPLE. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY HAS ROUTINELY REPLIED TO REQUESTS SUCH AS THOSE MADE ON BEHALF OF PETROVA AND TAMOSAITYTE (A) SUGGESTING THAT REFUSED APPLICANTS PERSIST IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMISSION, AND (B) PROVIDING INFORMATION RE SOVIET EXIT VISA AND AMERICAN ENTRY VISA PROCEDURES.

- 5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, PLEASE ADVISE FOLLOWING:
- (A) DOES DEPT INTEND HENCEFORTH TO INCLUDE VISITOR CASES ON REPRESENTATION LISTS AND AMONG CASES FOR WHICH EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION SUPPORT? IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE GUIDELINES PRESENTLY USED BY DEPT TO DECIDE WHETHER SPECIFIC VISITOR CASE SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG REPRESENTATIONAL CASES.
- (B) IF ANSWER TO (A) ABOVE IS YES, DOES DEPT HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMBASSY'S USE IN PRESENTING VISITOR CASES TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES? SPECIFICALLY, SHOULD EMBASSY ARGUE THAT FAMILY REUNIFICATION PRINCIPLE INCLUDES VISITS BY MEMBERS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES? OR SHOULD OTHER PRECEPTS, SUCH AS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BE INVOKED AS BASIS FOR VISITOR REPRESENTATIONS?
- (C) IF ANSWER TO (A) IS NO, WHAT ACTION DOES DEPT CONTEM-PLATE RE VISITOR CASES APPEARING ON REPLIST 17 AND OTHER VISITOR CASES IN WHICH DEPT HAS ALREADY ADVISED US INTERESTED PARTIES THAT REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MADE?
- 6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT RESPONSE RE PARA 5(A) AND (C) ASAP TO FACILITATE WEEKEND WORK ON REPLIST 17 REVISION AS WELL AS TO ENABLE EMBASSY RESPOND TO MOAKLEY AND OTHER SIMILAR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES NOW PENDING.
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